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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 19, 2008, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from September 19, 2008 to October 19, 2008. Because October 19, 2008 falls on a Sunday, the request is effective for a carryover to October 20, 2008, the next business day.

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